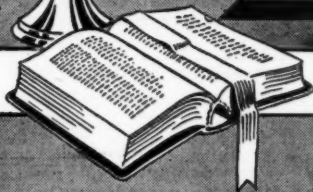
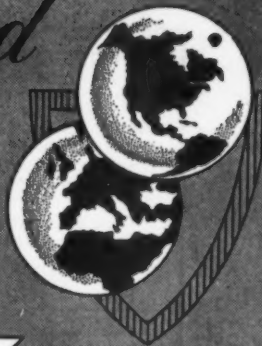


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COVER

On Oct. 22, 1912, near Dallas, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Lowry were blessed with the birth of a charming little daughter whom they christened Ethel Lee Lowry. Ethel Lee and her parents continued living in Georgia for nine years, after which they moved to Miami, Fla., where her father became an electrical contractor. Ethel Lee became a Christian at the age of sixteen, and served the Church of God at Coconut Grove, Fla., as pianist. It was in this same church that she was married to Rev. H. L. Chesser on Oct. 3, 1932. They spent their honeymoon in attending the Thirty-second Annual Assembly, at which time her husband was promoted to the rank of ordained minister. For the four previous years he had pastored the Church of God at Coconut Grove, Fla., but following the Assembly, she became the first lady of the Church of God parsonage at Lakeland, Fla., where her husband pastored for two years, during which time Harold Linbergh was born. She was housewife and assistant pastor next at Clearwater, Fla., for five years, during which time Jeanette Lucille was born. During that time they experienced the difficulty of living on as little as \$9.00 a week.

The next parsonage that she was to supervise was at Ft. Myers, Fla., and that for only a period of six months, due to the fact that her husband was appointed state overseer of Alabama, where she served as first lady of the state for three years. During that time their last child, Wanda Merita, was born. At the Assembly closing out their three years in Alabama, her husband was appointed as state overseer of North Carolina, and she became first lady of that state. At the Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, in the year of 1944, the church work was divided into six districts, to be supervised by that many assistant general overseers. Mrs. Chesser's husband was elected and appointed to serve over the Northwestern District. Although that tenure of office, as well as the setup, lasted for only one year, it was, no doubt, in many respects, the most difficult year for Mrs. Chesser, to say nothing about the rest of the family, due to the extreme change in climatic conditions, the distance of the move, etc. In fact, it is altogether probable that she rejoiced when the setup was abolished and her husband was transferred from the work there to Cleveland, Tenn., to begin his three-year tenure as Assistant General Overseer of the entire Church. Fortunately for Mrs. Chesser, she did not have to move after her three years of living in the Assistant General Overseer's house farther than a block or so, and that was to the General Overseer's manse where she has been for almost three years now. And, according to the ruling of the General Assembly, will continue to reside there until the Assembly of 1952 and serve as National President of the Ladies' Willing Worker Bands.

If God has called you, do not spend time looking over your shoulder to see who is following.

Everybody talks about humility, but very few practice it.

Some people boast about their humility so much that it sounds like the voice of the king who was proud and then had to live like a beast for a while.

Self is dismissed where true humility reigns.

It is not humility to always be seeking the defects of others. True humility will search its own faults.

True humility does not seek honor from men.

The "limelight" is shunned by true humble persons.

The platform in the churches only tends to make the proud conspicuous.

The air of importance in the church stifles the moving of the Spirit of God.

—From *IL FARO*.

AN INVITATION TO MOVE WEST

To Church of God Members Who Wish to Move West: There is a great need in Salt Lake City, Utah. It is a city of opportunity, and there is plenty of work available of most kinds. Get in touch with Rev. Clair St. Clair, 236 W. 3680 S., Salt Lake City, Utah, and he will assist you in getting located with a job.—W. J. Cothorn, State Overseer.

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REQUESTS

PRAY FOR:

My sister and sister-in-law to be healed.—Beckie Ritter, Hinesville, Ga.
The healing of my body.—Abijah Mack, Cobbtown, Ga.
My husband and children to be saved; me to receive my hearing and speech.—Mrs. Katie L. Scott, Angville, Miss.
The healing of my body.—Florence E. Sturn, Statesboro, Ga.

OBITUARY

LACER

Mrs. Rosa Ann Lacer passed away to be with Jesus May 28, 1951, at the age of 63 years. Sister Lacer was a good Christian, a good wife, and a wonderful mother. She had been Christian since a young girl and had had the baptism of the Holy Ghost about 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Philip Lacer, 3 daughters, 3 sons, 13 grandchildren, and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Chester Shaner, pastor of the Tyler, Mo., Church of God, assisted by Rev. J. N. Patterson, pastor of the Church of God at Holland.—Shon Pollard.

EDITORIAL...

TWO MEN BEFORE AND AFTER DEATH

Luke 16:19-31. Text: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27.

This scripture is meant to show what actually happens after death. It is an event where actual characters are involved. It should be taken in the literal sense. The rich man is introduced by our Lord without any details respecting his name, age, or place of residence, or any mention of his family other than we do know he had five brothers. And, too, we are told he was rich; he was clothed in expensive garments and fared sumptuously every day. It is said that his robe was worth twice its own weight in gold.

The word "rich" in the Latin version is "dives," and many assign the name Dives to this rich man. This purple, the true sea purple, was the most precious and rare dye, and the purple garment so dyed was a royal gift and scarcely used save by princes and nobles of very high degree. The upper garment was a fabric dyed with dye made from the murex (Mark 15:17, 20); the under garment was made from fine linen woven from Egyptian flax (Exod. 26:1, 31, 36). Both were very costly. It has been suggested that "sumptuously" might aptly be changed to "flamboyantly." No dark vice is here referred to; yet selfishness and extravagance are certainly to be understood.

This is a striking contrast between the poor beggar and the gluttonous rich man in ease and luxury. He furnished a picturesque background for that of the poor pauper, lying sick, suffering and dying at his gate. He had probably been brought there by some of his friends; friends too poor to care for him laid him at the stately portal hopeful that the rich man, or at least his servants, would minister to his needs. The name of the rich man is not given in the narrative, and he is referred to only as a "certain rich man"; the poor sick beggar's name is stated—Lazarus. Lazarus is derived from two Hebrew words, Elezer ("God's help"), shortened by the rabbis into Leazar, whence "Lazarus." He was a constant sufferer, covered with sores, wasting away with an incurable disease. It is wrong to conclude that the rich are destined to be lost because of their riches, or that the poor shall be saved because of their poverty. It is grace alone that justifies, and both alike stand in need of salvation.

The crumbs from Dives' table signify the fragments his servants might pityingly toss to the beggar. The sight of the poor, leprous beggar lying at the gate must have been an embarrassment to the rich man. Selfishness characterized his spirit and blinded him to all that was lofty and worthy.

There were many stray dogs in Palestine, and as Lazarus lay suffering with his sores, unbandaged, the dogs licked them. He was so helpless he was practically a victim of those scavenger dogs which were attracted to him by the loathsomeness of his affliction. The verb "desiring" probably implies that what was given to him did not satisfy his hunger. The silence of Lazarus throughout the account is very impressive. He died in his poverty, never murmuring against God's distribution of wealth, not against the rich man's abuse of it. Death relieved him of his sores, the society of dogs, and of his having to be placed at the gate of the millionaire's mansion. But death did not mean the same to Dives. His grand funeral is noted, which is the end of his glamorous career—that is as far as we here may see it. His hands, that had so selfishly clung to his riches, were now empty. His purple and fine linen were gone. It is stated that Lazarus died before the rich man did, and at once was transported by angels to the home of the blessed, paradise, which the Jews knew as Abraham's bosom. No mention is made of a burial of his body. It is probable that he was rudely and carelessly interred without any pomp or ceremony. It appears that shortly after the pauper's death, the rich man died, also. It is specifically, perhaps ironically, stated that he was buried. He undoubtedly received a burial in keeping with his position, wealth, and standard of living. That was the best there was in store for him after death. He surely received all the honors that men of worldly affairs receive, but while high tributes were being paid to his senseless, deserted body, the rich man was already gazing upon the surroundings of his new and cheerless home.

"Hell" is a translation of the Greek word "Hades," meaning the place of departed spirits between death and the resurrection, and is equivalent to the Old Testament word "Sheol." The word "Hades" alone does not convey the idea of suffering, but that fact is unmistakably comprehended in the phrase "being in torments." How could it be otherwise for such an one as Dives. The home of the righteous, those who had done the works of Abraham and who had been full of benevolence and care for others, would have been no home for one who never really loved or cared for anyone but himself. Into that place of departed spirits, prior to the resurrection of Jesus, all souls, both righteous and unrighteous, went at death. There were two compartments to the underworld at that time—hell and paradise. Between them was the great gulf. In the latter, Christ met the penitent thief after His death on the cross. That place was spoken of as downward, and we read that Christ "descended" into the lower parts of the earth, Eph. 4:10. That was at the time of His death. But later, paradise is referred to as above. "He ascended up on high; he led captivity captive," Eph. 4:9. With Him went all those who had died in the faith. Later, Paul speaking of being transported in the Spirit to paradise, said he was caught up. 2 Cor. 12:1-4. While both Lazarus and Dives went into the realm of death, one went to that compartment called paradise, while the other went into the place of torment. From his lonely place of solitary confinement he could see Lazarus in that better place, comforted, in the company of Abraham and the godly.

Although the rich man prayed, his prayer was not addressed to the Father in heaven, but to Abraham. He who had shown no mercy was now eager to receive mercy. He who had no time for the poor, diseased beggar cried for only the tip of the beggar's finger, dipped in water, to cool his dry, parched tongue. Dives was in a state of absolute consciousness. He possessed all the mental facilities he had on earth. He could see, for he saw Lazarus and Father Abraham; was able to discern their blissful state. He could feel, for he complained of torment in the flames. He could talk, for he talked with Abraham. He could also hear, for he heard the voice of Abraham. *In hell*, the heart of those who have lived impenitently and in defiance of God's holy requirements will not and can not change.

The father of the faithful, in informing the rich man of the impossibility of his receiving comforts, tells him to remember his former manner of life. He has already received all the luxuries he can ever know. Now he can spend eternity remembering his life of princely splendor. A fully awakened, enlightened conscience and the vivid memories of lost opportunities will enhance the horrors of the wicked in hell.

There were two divisions of Hades, or Sheol, and an impassable gulf between the two places. There was no opportunity for the lost to pass over to the better place. Spirits incarcerated there may not come forth until the day of judgment. They are without God and without hope. Peradventure any of the righteous should feel disposed to go to the realm of the damned, they were forbidden by the impassable barrier.

Could his belated prayer for others indicate the excuse that sufficient warning had not been given him, that if someone had come from the dead who had actually experienced life beyond the veil and observed the tortures of eternal punishment, he and his brothers would have repented? The terms of the gospel are clearly announced. There are enough truths in the Word of God to convict men of their sins and turn them to God. This was a rebuke to those who so often besought the Lord to show them the signs. If men sincerely seek the truth, they will find their desires satisfied in the Word of God. The rich man, doubtlessly, had heard the Word many times, which left him without an excuse. He knew he was then in the place of torment because he had failed to repent in his lifetime. What a sad neglect! If Lazarus had gone back from the dead to persuade men to repent, they would not have believed his message, but soon would have reasoned that there was some mistake about his claims to having been dead. Another Lazarus did rise from the dead, but it did not faze the cold-hearted Pharisees, for they even took counsel how they might put him to death again. If men will not be persuaded by the quick and powerful Word of God, nothing else will persuade them to repent, and after death there is no hope for the sinner.

The Solution to Today's PROBLEMS

By Mrs. Freddie VanMeter, Luke, Md.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land," 2 Chron. 7:14.

This is a dark hour in which we are living; it seems fear is gripping every heart, while we live with the question ever in our hearts: "Watchman, what of the night? What will tomorrow bring? What will be the outcome of all this trouble?" We parents are asking ourselves why our precious boys must go out again in a distant land in war and possibly spill their blood on foreign soil. I can speak from the standpoint of knowledge on this, for my son has been missing in action in Korea since July 20, 1950, and is yet unheard of. I know the pangs of a broken heart.

Let us keep the text in mind, stepping back down the valley of time and investigating what caused the national troubles, and what brought about deliverance. Judges 2:20, "And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice." This is our national picture, but we also have a picture of God's mercy. Judges 3:9, "And when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them." So we see it was transgression against the will of God and disobedience unto His voice that brought down His anger upon them. O dear people, let us consider the rebelliousness of our day. Does it not bring to your mind Heb. 2:1-3: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." So we see that we can cut off our own roads of escape just by neglect.

As we follow the children of Israel, we find them time and again wandering from God and God lifting His hand and permitting trouble to come upon them, not to drive them from Him but to draw them closer to Him. Brother, trouble is a lever that lifts man closer to God and makes him realize his need of an arm of everlasting strength. The violinist tightens the loosened strings, not to break

them, but to bring out the sweeter music. Don't you hear God's plaintive voice saying, "O my people, . . . where-in have I wearied thee? testify against me"? He reminds the children of Israel again and again of how He delivered them from Egyptian bondage. But, precious blood-bought children of God, He did far more for us. Let us read Eph. 2:11-13: "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

Just think of God's love toward us—He gave His only Son to die that we might live. That is not all; He has given the Holy Ghost to lead and guide us into all truth. Oh, how careful we should be to obey. Remember the challenging text: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Some say it is no use to pray and ask God to stay this war. Suppose Noah had felt that

way when God said He would destroy man from the earth; or Abraham when God sent angels to him and told of the intended destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham waited before God and prayed for souls. Brother, we may as well face facts.

There is a wave of spiritual carelessness sweeping the land, and it is not in any way pleasing to God. The desire for material things is so prevalent that many parents are more concerned about the insurance than they are the assurance. This is painful to speak, yet God said, "In the last days they will be without natural affection, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." We see the enemy setting his traps in our schools and colleges, striving to destroy the holy teaching of God from the hearts of our youth; and, what is worse many who even profess to know God tolerate the dances and card parties in the churches. Now Jesus said, "My house shall be called an house of prayer." Hear His lament, in Matt. 23:37, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Can we sense that cry ringing out to America while the blood of our boys flows freely down the slopes of Korea? While they are dying of cold, hunger, and torture of all description? Can America still be so satisfied with present conditions and forget that God said, "Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts"? God said after His requirements were met, then He would meet ours—"Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land." This is what our nation needs. God help us to merit it.

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But What of the SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER?

EARL M. TAPLEY, Vice-President and Dean of Lee College

Recently a pastor said to me: "I put on contests and draw large numbers of children to my Sunday School, but when they are here we really do nothing for them. I need trained Sunday School teachers." This was a wide-awake pastor. He had analyzed his problem.

I spoke for a pastor at a special service two weeks ago. He urged his people to come out to Sunday School, and explained the drop in the previous Sunday attendance by relating that a neighboring pastor was having a Sunday School contest. The neighbor pastor had "borrowed" a bus load of this pastor's people in a desperate effort to break all previous Sunday School attendance records.

Sunday School contests and drives to break attendance records may have their values, but they must not represent an end in themselves. They can be only a means to an end. Our real task is to reach the children of our home community, to enroll as regular members of our Sunday School those who do not attend Sunday School. When we have enrolled them we want to hold them. But that in itself is not our goal. We want to impart to these children a knowledge of God's Word; we want to instill in them reverence and respect; we want to implant ideals of the good life, the great principles of Christian living and conduct. This is the task of the Sunday School teacher. It is a gigantic task of classroom and personal work for the short time each week that the Sunday School has the child.

Our public schools have laid great emphasis on teacher training in recent years. Educators realize that those who teach children must know something more than textbooks and subject matter. They must know the child. They must understand the principles of child psychology, the learning process, methods of teaching. Standards of training teachers for elementary schools have risen, and salaries have risen that more able and better trained teachers may be attracted to elementary school teaching. We refuse to trust the secular education of our children with the incompetent teacher. But what of the religious education of our children?

We seem to assume that any one can teach in our Sunday Schools. If a member is discouraged he may be giv-

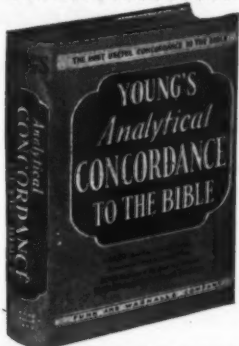
ing a Sunday School class of children to re-awaken his interest in church work. The new convert is given a class of children as a means of finding a place to put him or her to work in the church. If one knows his Bible well, the church often considers him an excellent prospect for a Sunday School teacher. He should know his Bible, but this is only the first step. Does he know children? Is he interested in children? Does he know the materials and aids to effective teaching? Does he know the techniques for gaining and holding the interest of children in Sunday School attendance, for building their confidence in the church and its work?

The real work of the Sunday School centers around the teacher. The teacher is the key to Sunday School expansion. If we are going to do the work that we *must* do, we *must* have better trained teachers. We need young men and women who are willing to put forth arduous effort and spend money to prepare for the important and holy work of Sunday School teaching, men and women who expect no reward from this work other than those satisfying and spiritual rewards of the Master's "well done." Their reward will be that of seeing boys and girls won for Christ and the church in the Sunday School and that everlasting reward of every faithful follower of the Great Teacher.

If we are to build our Sunday School, we must do so by beginning with the teacher. We must train our teachers and our Sunday School workers for this great work. We must consecrate ourselves to this as a high and holy cause. It is our only way of saving our boys and girls, of building our Sunday Schools and our churches.

In *The Christian Teacher*, Dr. Clarence H. Benson has aptly said: "How does the Sunday School grow? Not by contests. These may provide a temporary increase in numbers, but the net results are so small as to be practically worthless. Nor can we build up our Sunday Schools by a system of rewards. We cannot pay children for going to Sunday School. . . . Crowding the classes of incompetent teachers will never build up the Sunday School."

May many men and women hear the call of the Master to prepare for Sunday School teaching.



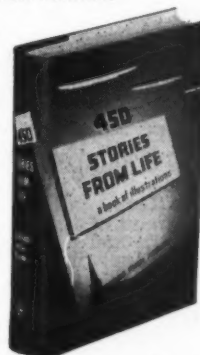
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In John it is the light of men.
In Acts it is obedience.
In Romans it is a crucifixion.
In I and II Corinthians it is the fear of the Lord.
In Galatians it is the cross.
In Ephesians it is sanctification.
In Philippians it is humility.
In Colossians it is peace.
In I and II Thessalonians it is the will of God.
In I and II Timothy it is the testimony of the Lord.
In Titus it is teaching grace.
In Philemon it is freedom.
In Hebrews it is the new and living way.
In James it is the royal law.
In I and II Peter it is, "Be ye holy for I am holy."
In I, II and III John it is perfect love.
In Jude it is contending for the faith.
In Revelation it is white raiment.

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The Highway of Holiness

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"And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein," Isa. 35:8.

So many these days are professing to be on this highway of holiness, yet they fail to live what they profess. Notice the text says, "The unclean shall not pass over it." I have been walking or riding along dirt roads and could see a sign where a snake had crawled across the road, but not so on this highway. The unclean thing cannot even pass over it, let alone stay and travel on it.

Some people profess to be on this highway when they are still holding on to the unclean thing. God told Joshua when they took Jericho not to take of the accursed thing. Achan saw the Babylonish garment and the silver and wedge of gold and took them and hid them, but God knew they were there. God sees the sin in your life today, no matter how much you testify. Then, when Joshua sent men to take Ai, the children of Israel fled from before the enemy. Joshua

could not understand. Down he went on his face before God. What did God tell him? "Get thee up . . . Israel hath sinned" (Read Joshua 6, 7). When Joshua got the sin and the sinner out of the camp, then he could take Ai without any trouble.

The trouble today is too many Achans are in the camp. Too many Babylonish garments and too many wedges of gold are hidden away somewhere. Let us dig them out and get them out of the way and go forward for God.

Some people profess to be on this highway of holiness, and yet they take time to stop over at the beauty parlors and get all fixed up. Others dress like holiness and then go to the cigar factories, make cigars, and then dare try to tell people it is a sin to smoke them. My Bible says, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," 2 Cor. 6:17.

Jesus is coming soon. I want to be ready, don't you? He's coming after those who love His appearing, a church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Glory to His name!

Awake.

Thou That Sleepest

By Mrs. Kirby Bass, Rt. 5, Box, 36 A, Fayetteville, N. C.

Eph. 5:14, "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

Thousands of church members today are asleep and idle, and unless they wake up, shake up, and stir up themselves and get busy for God, they will be left when the Lord comes after the saints. In one of the parables the Lord stresses the danger of our not preparing our whole life for His second coming. Many people often warn of the danger of dying without God (and that warning is good), but Christ's many warnings are for people to prepare themselves for His second coming.

In Matt. 25:1-13 we read of the ten virgins, five wise and five foolish. All ten were believers and had accepted the invitation to the marriage feast. At the midnight cry the virgins arose trimmed their lamps (Matt. 25:7, 8), but the foolish said unto the wise, "Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out."

These foolish virgins were like some people today who are not blameless in the sight of God, for they are too interested in self and too idle for God. They said to the wise, "Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out." In this crucial hour thousands of lamps are gone out. It is not enough to have had our lamps burning, but we must keep them burning. The Holy Ghost is the oil. The New Birth lights the lamp; Sanctification keeps it burning brightly.

The foolish virgins left to get oil, but while they were gone, the bridegroom came and the wise virgins entered. The foolish arrived too late. The door was locked; they could not get in. They cried, "Lord, Lord, open to us." "But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not." "Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching," Luke 12:37. Christ did not say all servants, but those servants whom He will find waiting and watching.

Are we asleep? Are we too busy for self and too idle for God? "Awake thou that sleepest, and Christ shall give thee light," and then you can be a light to lost souls, leading them to God. It is the eleventh hour. The midnight hour is fast approaching. Christ is calling for those who are idle to get busy. He needs laborers today.

Christ needs laborers to work for Him as never before. Idleness will cause us to fail to go to be with the Lord when He comes. It is not only what we have already done for Christ, but what we are doing now. "He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame," Prov. 10:5.

A Pastor's Message

By L. W. McIntyre, Pastor at Alabama City, Ala.

We are living in a serious moment, in the unfolding of the process of which history is but the written record. All world problems can be resolved in the light of this process into fruits which we reap now from seeds sown in the past. Some of them excite today widespread alarm and concern—and rightly so, for they strike not only at civilization as we know it, but at the very foundation of society.

What are these fruits? To name but a few: they are the threats to the peace of the entire world, pointed antagonisms between races and classes and creeds, the deliberate efforts on the part of nations to destroy Christianity and to train up a godless and irreligious youth and the indifference on the part of so many of our good and respected citizens, many of them nominal Christians, to the moral decay which is so glaringly evident, and which is the direct result of the lack of spiritual conviction.

Each and all these concerns, and others which I have not mentioned, are not the fruit of that seed which was sown 1900 years ago in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. The fruit of that seed is the spiritual fellowship of the body of Christ, the Christian church.

Bear in mind that this spiritual fellowship in Christ is the premise of the gospel we are commissioned to preach, and the goal as well as the means of all Christian endeavor and endurance.

In the light of this premise, these other fruits should move us to deep repentance and acts of reparation, for it is not the spiritual fellowship which has failed in its divine mission to overcome the evil in the world; we, both corporately and individually, have failed the spiritual fellowship. I cannot view the conditions of the times but as a challenge to us, as churchmen, and a glorious opportunity for the Christian church.

Humility is always the mark of a genuine Christian. A child of God is too conscious of his own weaknesses and failures to leave any room for boasting. He also knows that whatever good there may be found in him is the work of the Holy Spirit and, therefore, the result of divine grace alone.

In the Christian household of faith many frictions and difficulties could be avoided if believers would seek to walk humbly together, avoiding all pride and vainglory, and following after things which make for peace. Let us pray for the grace of humility.

Every automobile belonging to a Christian family should be driven to church every Sunday. Every seat in it should be filled. Perhaps you have some members of the church living in your neighborhood who are negligent in churchgoing because the distance is too great to walk and transportation facilities are poor. Why not arrange to take them with you every Sunday?

Or you may have unchurched friends and neighbors who would attend the services with you if they were invited. Why not invite them? Let your car do mission work, too.

A large number of automobiles in front of a church during services always preaches a powerful sermon to those who pass by. While you are within the church worshipping, your car is reminding the community that a large number of people appreciate and realize the need of the gospel. There is a psychological "pull" exerted by a crowd. When we see a multitude gathered at a corner, we always feel impelled to edge in a little closer to see what it is all about. Perhaps your car standing at the church every Sunday will draw some passerby in to hear just the sermon he needs. Let your car do mission work.

Or, you may know of someone in the church who is erring away. Let your car take you to his house to "tell him his fault between thee and him alone" and in this way possibly restore him. Let your car do mission work.

The proper spiritual relation of a pastor to his people is that of a shepherd and his sheep. Our blessed Lord pictured this relation by this figure many times. The true pastor, who is not a "hireling," but indeed an under-shepherd of his Lord, will ever be mindful of the huge responsibility this shepherd office imposes upon him. He prayerfully watches over those entrusted to his care. He is grieved when he sees that some of the flock do not partake regularly of spiritual food and hence grow spiritually weak. He is happy when he sees them often in God's pasture and notices the unmistakable signs of spiritual growth in their life.

Your pastor is fully conscious of the responsibility of his shepherd office, and desires only that his flock be nourished and yet many others be brought into God's fold.

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HEARTACHES

What do you do with your heart-aches? We send our dirty clothes to the laundry, our worn shoes to the cobbler, our soiled suits to the cleaners; many afflicted persons go to physicians, but what do you do with your heartaches?

The laundry cannot help you; the cobbler can do you no good; the cleaner has no solution; the physician is helpless. You ask, "Well, then, who can help me?" Amid all of the marvelous improvements of science, God alone remains the only One who can relieve the sigh of the soul and the ache of the heart.

It is no wonder that David prayed, "When my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." Why not look to the highlands of heaven when in trouble in the lowlands of sorrow? David knew the secret, and the secret is God. You have tried other things with little or no results. WHY NOT NOW TRY GOD?

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The Second Coming of Christ and Its Effect

By CLYDE C. COX, Charleston, S. C.

Text: "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the SECOND TIME without sin unto SALVATION," Heb. 9:28.

INTRODUCTION: The FIRST coming of Christ was foretold by the prophets many hundreds of years before His birth. When the time was come, God sent His Son. "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law," Gal. 4:4. The SECOND coming of Christ has behind the words of the prophets and apostles that same forceful fulfillment; the Bible must bear out the mind and purpose of God. "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away," Luke 21:33. The SECOND time would be the time after the FIRST coming of the Lord. The apostles expected the return of the Lord to be within a few days, not realizing that His words must be fulfilled and that the gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come. Matt. 24:14. Abraham hoped against hope to see the birth of Christ, and he died in the faith that the promise would be fulfilled. We, of today, are not hoping so much; we do not hope for that which we can see. We see the fulfillment of the Bible and "when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your REDEMPTION draweth nigh," Luke 21:28.

SALVATION AND REDEMPTION

The words SALVATION and REDEMPTION mentioned above have no relation to the salvation of the soul from sin. Those words relate to the SECOND coming of Christ as a redemption of the body or deliverance from one state to another. This is better understood by referring to the children of Israel at the Red Sea. Moses looked for deliverance or the salvation of the Lord. "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the SALVATION of the Lord," Exod. 14:13. Paul writes of that same Lord delivering His people by means of the rapture, referred to as SALVATION. "And that, knowing the time, that it is now high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our SALVATION nearer than when we believed," Rom. 13:11. The REDEMPTION refers to the change of the body from natural to glorification. "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODY," Rom. 8:23. The Holy Ghost is a seal of protection until the redemption of the

body. "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the DAY OF REDEMPTION," Eph. 4:30. IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK. Look up; the redemption day is at hand.

THE PROMISE OF HIS RETURN

In the last days men, after their own lust, will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation," 2 Peter 3:4. Peter said, "For this they willingly are ignorant of," and he gave a warning to be not ignorant, for with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. God does not sleep as men, nor is He slack concerning His promises as men count slackness. Christ made a positive promise of His SECOND coming, or return to earth, just a short time before His ascension. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also," John 14:3. The word AGAIN is the time after the first coming. The angels spoke of His return as He went up into heaven. "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? THIS SAME JESUS, which is taken up from you into heaven, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER as ye have seen him go into heaven," Acts 1:11. Paul said for us to be "blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thess. 5:23. James said for us to "be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh," James 5:7, 8. Jesus not only spoke of His second return while here on earth, but He gave out statements to John on the Isle of Patmos that He would return to the earth again. "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown," Rev. 3:11. When will we receive our crowns? At His coming: "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away," 1 Peter 5:4. Again Christ spoke of His coming after He departed this life, "Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the saying of the prophecy of this book," Rev. 22:7. In the 12th verse He witnessed of His coming and the reward for the saints. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his works shall be." The next to the last verse and the last promise in the Bible is that He is coming back quickly. "He

which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. (John was so encouraged with the promise that He would come, he said) Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus," Rev. 22:20.

THE QUICKNESS OF HIS COMING

The Lord will not tarry on earth at His second coming as He did on His first coming; in fact, He will not come all the way to earth at once. Mid-air will be the stopover until after the tribulation. His second coming will be very swift. "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry," Heb. 10:37. His coming will be as swift as lightning. "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be," Matt. 24:27. It will be all over within the time one could close and open the eye. "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump," 1 Cor. 15:51, 52.

THE MANNER OF HIS COMING

It was so stated by a Birmingham minister that the only coming of Christ is when He comes into the heart of a person at conversion. Still another teaching is that the Holy Ghost was Christ in His second return. I should like to answer these two unscriptural, misleading, and misrepresented doctrines from a Biblical quotation. Question One: Does the second coming of Christ take place at conversion? "And then SHALL THEY SEE the Son of man COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory," Luke 21:27. He will return the second time in the clouds, and we SHALL SEE HIM. Did you see Him when He came into your heart? "And when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and ALL THE HOLY ANGELS WITH HIM, then shall he SIT UPON the THRONE of his glory, and before him shall be GATHERED ALL NATIONS; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats," Matt. 25:31, 32. Did all nations gather together when you were converted? Many millions have been converted, but the sheep and goats are yet together. At His second return the dead in Christ will be resurrected, and the living saints will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. 1 Thess. 4:16, 17. Did you go up when you were converted? Were the dead disturbed from their sleep? That teaching just will not stand the Bible test.

Question Two: Did Christ return in the form of the Holy Ghost? Christ and the Holy Ghost were presented together and in two separate bodily forms at the baptism of Christ: Christ in the likeness of sinful flesh, made like unto a man, and the Holy Ghost appeared in bodily shape like unto a dove—the two personalities at the same time and same place had two separate bodies. Luke 3:22. Some take it for granted that when Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you," John 14:18, He returned in the form of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. He did not say, "I will come as that Comforter," but, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you ANOTHER COMFORTER, that HE may abide with you for ever," John 14:16. "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name (the name of Christ)," John 14:26. It is true that the Spirit of Christ and the Spirit of God, which is the Holy Ghost, dwells in the same converted soul. Yet, while the Holy Ghost is in man, Christ is on the throne, bodily, with the Father. "But he, BEING FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST, looked up steadfastly into HEAVEN, and saw the GLORY OF GOD, and JESUS standing on the RIGHT HAND OF GOD," Acts 7:55. Stephen was full of the Holy Ghost; his body had become the temple of the Holy Ghost; and Christ was able to stand up in his bodily form in heaven at the same time. This proves that Jesus did not return in the form of the Holy Ghost, but the Holy Ghost, the personality of the third Godhead member, came on His mission to make ready for the return of the Son of God. Heaven must hold the Son of God until all promises concerning His return are fulfilled. "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the HEAVEN MUST RECEIVE UNTIL THE TIMES OF RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS, which God hath spoken by the MOUTH OF ALL HIS HOLY PROPHETS since the world began," Acts 3:20, 21. The Lord does not return each time a soul is converted; neither did He return in the form of the Holy Ghost, but it is LATER THAN YOU THINK. His coming is now nearer than when we believed.

A TWOFOLD COMING

The SECOND coming is one coming divided into a twofold return: 1. To catch away the living and resurrect the dead saints. 2. To reign on the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords. The first stopover will be in mid-air. The saints will not meet the Lord on earth, but in the air. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them IN THE CLOUDS, to meet the LORD IN THE AIR: and so shall we ever be with the Lord," 1 Thess. 4:16, 17. Only the HOLY will have part in the first resurrection. Rev. 20:6. Christ will bring the souls of those that sleep in Him with Him at His coming. "For if we believe that

Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him," 1 Thess. 4:14. The souls will be united with the resurrected bodies and be caught up to meet Jesus in the air. When He returns to earth He will bring all the saints with Him. "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the LORD COMETH WITH TEN THOUSANDS OF HIS SAINTS," Jude 14. John gives us a beautiful view of the saints returning with the Lord to the earth. "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in FINE LINEN, white and clean," Rev. 19:14. How may we know that these armies are the saints coming with Jesus? Consider the FINE LINEN in which they are clothed. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in FINE LINEN, clean and white: FOR THE FINE LINEN IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF SAINTS," Rev. 19:8. When Christ first comes to mid-air, only those that look for him, WILL SEE HIM. He will come as a thief in the night. Matt. 24:43; 1 Thess. 5:1, 2; 2 Peter 3:10. How could any other see Him since His coming will be like lightning and in the twinkling of an eye. HE WILL ONLY APPEAR TO THOSE LOOKING FOR HIM. However, when He returns to earth every eye will see Him. "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." The false prophet and beast will recognize His coming and go out to make war against Him. "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army," Rev. 19:19.

SAINTS ESCAPE TRIBULATION

The devil would deceive the very elect of God if it were possible, and the antichrist would gladly accept the challenge to rule over and subdue the saints. God will never allow the man of sin to rule over His people, who have been washed from their sins by the blood of the Lamb. The man of sin is referred to as "that wicked" in 2 Thess. 2:8. The born-again child of God will not be touched by the wicked one. "We know that whosoever is BORN OF GOD sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and THAT WICKED ONE TOUCHETH HIM NOT," 1 John 5:18. In fact, there is one referred to as HE that stands in the way of the antichrist, and when HE is moved out of the way, the antichrist will be revealed. "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until HE be taken out of the way," 2 Thess. 2:7. Some say that we will go through part of the tribulation. Did Noah and family have to stay out of the ark until the water was up to their necks before God allowed them to enter the ark? Well, it will be as the day of Noah when the Son of God returns to earth. Bear in mind "they that were ready when the bridegroom came, went in with him to the marriage, and the DOOR WAS SHUT," Matt. 25:10. So shall it be



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when HE is taken out of the way: the raptured saints will go with Him to the marriage of the Son. With whom? The Holy Ghost, the HE of the Bible. "Howbeit when HE, the Spirit of truth, is come, HE will guide you into all truth: for HE shall not speak of HIMSELF; but whatsoever HE shall hear, that shall HE speak: and HE will shew you things to come," John 16:13. Here the Holy Ghost is referred to as HE six times and one time as HIMSELF. Not until HE is taken out of the way can the antichrist appear. Like unto the ark, the flood was withheld until the DOOR was shut, and then the flood came upon men of sin. The spirit of iniquity will never prevail over the "Spirit of Truth," which is the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of Truth must be removed from the earth before the spirit of iniquity, or man of sin, can possibly be dominant in the world.

The Philadelphia church, which doubtlessly continues through the rapture age, will be delivered and kept from the tribulation. Before this church is set an open door, and no man can shut it, FOR they have kept the word of the Lord and not denied his name, Rev. 3:8. Jesus said to them, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of TEMPTATION which shall come UPON ALL THE WORLD, to try them that dwell upon the earth," Rev.

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THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

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Some Things to Think About

Faith is the root of all blessings. Believe, and you shall be saved; believe, and you must needs be satisfied; believe, and you cannot but be comforted and happy.—Jeremy Taylor.

WILL YIELDED AND CHOICE MADE

We must recognize the true character of our self-life and its real virulence and vileness. We must consent to its destruction, and we must take it ourselves, as Abraham did Isaac, and lay it at the feet of God in willing sacrifice. This is a hard work for the natural heart, but the moment the will is yielded and the choice is made, that death is past, the agony is over, and we are astonished to find that the death is accomplished.

Usually the crisis of life in such cases hangs upon a single point. God does not need to strike us in a hundred places to inflict a death wound. There is one point that touches the heart, and that is the point God usually strikes, the dearest thing in our life, the decisive things in our plans, the citadel of the will, the center of the heart, and when we yield there, there is little left to yield anywhere else; when we refuse to yield at this point, a spirit of evasion and compromise enters into all the rest of our life.—A. B. Simpson.

A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity to freshen into smiles.—Washington Irving.

WAGE FREEZE OMITS ALL RELIGIOUS GROUPS

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Religious, educational and charitable institutions which are tax-exempt under federal law will be exempted from the present nation-wide "wage freeze," the Wage Stabilization Board ruled here.

The exemption means that religious groups can raise the salaries of their ministers, parish workers and other employees without consulting the Wage Stabilization Board for approval.

In addition to affecting churches, the exemption applies to hospitals, schools, colleges and other religious-affiliated organizations.

Wage Board chairman, Cyrus S. Ching, in making the announcement, said that members of the Board had unanimously approved regulation No. 7 embodying the exemption. The action received the blessing of Economic Stabilization officials.

Mr. Ching said that the exemption does not extend to employees of a business enterprise owned and operated by a religious, charitable or educational organization, nor to any institution which does not qualify for tax exemption under Sections 101 (5) and (6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ATHEIST FIGHTS RELIGION AT MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — A self-styled "militant atheist" has begun a legal fight against the University of Minnesota here on the grounds that it is too friendly to organized religion.

Frank C. Hughes, the atheist, and a 1903 alumnus of the university, says he will go to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, to halt what he claims is "wholesale violation" of the Constitution by the university.

Mr. Hughes has filed written complaint against the university with C. U. Landrum, United States District Attorney in St. Paul. A wealthy 63-year-old utilities engineer, Mr. Hughes is now studying law to pursue the case.

As precedent for his action, Mr. Hughes cited the U. S. Supreme Court decision in the McCollum case on what he defines "separation of Church and State." He hopes to obtain a similar decision affecting higher education.

It is illegal, Mr. Hughes contends, for the university to permit religious organizations to use university property for their meetings.

CALIFORNIANS WANT POWER OVER PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Two measures introduced in the California legislature would give the State Department of Education the power to license, supervise and regulate parochial schools in the State.

There is little chance that the two measures will get past the introductory state, however, without substantial change.

The bills, referred to the Education Committee of the Senate, and to the Boards and Commissions Committee of the House, state flatly in one sentence that the Education Department shall have regulatory power over all private schools.

Another measure, introduced by Assemblyman Julian Beck, of Los Angeles, provides for state licensing and regulation of private schools but specifically exempts religious or charitable institutions.

CHRISTIAN CASUALTIES

Since the outbreak of war in Korea, announced the Methodist Church Board of Missions after a check of its own and other church figures, 439 "full-time Christian workers" of all denominations have been "lost." Thirty-two were foreign missionaries, the rest Koreans, most of them pastors.

Hardest-hit denomination was the Presbyterian Church in Korea, with 247 pastors lost (136 in South Korea, 111 in the North). Roman Catholics, according to the compilation, lost 80 Korean priests and nuns; Methodists, 55 pastors; Holiness Church, six pastors; Anglican Church, six priests; Salvation Army, four officers; Y. M. C. A., eight secretaries; Y. W. C. A., one secretary.

"It is believed," said the Church Board, "that all, except a few prisoners possibly still alive in Manchuria, are dead."—Time.

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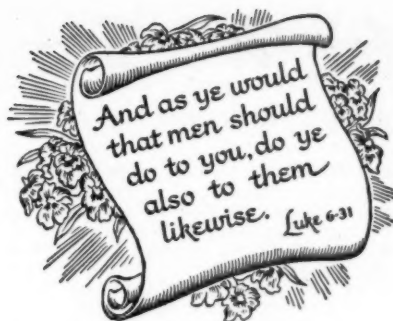
THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Revivals . . .

NORTON, Va.—We had a wonderful revival with Rev. A. R. Hall, of Berea, Ky., doing the preaching. He is a wonderful evangelist who would do any church good. There were 23 saved, 11 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 9 added to the church. We had healing services on Friday night, and about 8 testified to definite healings.—Lonnie N. Redmon, Clerk.

SHANNON, Ga.—On June 24, a wonderful revival came to a close here with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The revival ran for 3 weeks, with God blessing each night in a wonderful way. There were 17 saved, 6 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 9 added to the church. During this revival Rev. Claud Hurley joined our church, coming to us from the Holiness Free-Will Baptist Church. He is going into full-time evangelistic work, and if you can use him he will bless your church. Something unusual happened in this revival. I was permitted to baptize the evangelist, who was the Rev. E. J. Reynolds, of Lavonia, Ga. Brother Reynolds is a young man, 20 years old, full of fire and zeal for God and His church. Pray for the church here.—T. E. Hogan, Pastor.

MURPHY, N. C.—I am sure you will be glad to hear about our tent revival at Murphy, which was very successful. Ten were saved, 7 sanctified, and 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Rev. Raymond Wilson, pastor of the



Church of God at Andrews, N. C., and I conducted the revival. We also set a church in order June 3, with 8 members. Others blessed during the revival are considering uniting with the church. By the time the revival was over there had been given to Brother Wilson, the new pastor, about \$200 to be used on a new church building, and Mr. Dickey, owner and manager of Dickey Chevrolet Company, where the pastor is employed, gave him a lot; it isn't as good a location as we should like, but it has enough good timber on it to almost take care of the lumber needs for the church building. The glad tidings of great joy that the Church of God has carried around the world, that has blessed the hearts of thousands of people and many races, has come back to its home town.—J. W. Shook, Pastor, Hayesville, N. C.

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.—I am happy to report our great revival that has just closed. There were 19 saved, 10 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, 12 baptized in water, and one added to the church.—Jake Knight, Pastor.

Youth on Review

By LEWIS J. WILLIS

The train puffed to a groaning stop, and I stepped out into an atmosphere sticky and humid. It was Monroe, Louisiana, site of the Louisiana state convention and youth conference. Quickly, I was taken through this busy little city to the meeting already in session. It was youth day, and a great day, indeed. The genial state youth director, Reverend James E. Wynes, conducted the service very effectively in his humble yet efficient manner. The tenure of this good man, as the director of youth in Louisiana, has been very successful. Reasons for this success were quickly evidenced as the day progressed. Immediately, I perceived that this youth director was consumed in his work. He lived, breathed, and talked youth work; it was his heart. His thinking and planning was clearly revealed in the very helpful program he had outlined. He proposed a program of "active doing" toward achieving the ultimate in Christian service. Perhaps the most refreshing aspect of the procedure of this day was the appreciation and cooperation shown by the pastors and

workers. They received every suggestion hungrily, with a consequent enthusiasm that made you know the job would be done. While there are only thirty-two churches in this state, they are doing a very commendable work in Sunday School and Y. P. E. It must be observed that the state overseer, Reverend T. M. McClendon, supports this work completely. His wise counsel and valuable assistance has been most necessary to the advancement of the work. When the youth conference was finally concluded, and the happenings of the day were recounted, I relaxed with an earnest praise to God, fully confident that the Louisiana youth are to be heard from often as they pursue this course designed to cause the Y. P. E.'s and Sunday Schools to fulfill their essential place in the vital work of winning, training, and enlisting young people for Christ and the church.

Detroit verily pulsated with industry as giant factories sent forth a continued stream of varied merchandise. This great city was to give birth

to more than mere machines for the next few days! Michigan church and youth conventions were convening here. The spacious Church of God Tabernacle on 4380 Conner Avenue was host to this great convention. This was youth night! The new state youth director, W. H. Pratt, was moderating the service. You were immediately aware that in this young man and his gracious wife was a vast resource of helps for the Sunday School and Y. P. E. work. Sister Pratt began the service with an inspiring musical rendition from her children's church choir. She had hardly arrived in Detroit before she had laid plans for this children's church during the state convention! The children really liked it too—imagine how they could have a service all their own! Brother Pratt presented a very inspiring program and moved right along in laying solid plans for his work. Such things as Dally Vacation Bible School, Sunday School extension, Sunday School visitation work, teacher training, church libraries, Sunday School Standardization Plan, etc., were freely mentioned as the work was presented. The good state overseer, Reverend M. P. Cross, was lending every possible help to assist the work. It appeared to me that sure enough Detroit mothered several achievements here. Courage was born anew. Passiveness relinquished its tenacious hold on clergy and laity alike as the vision became clear and aggressiveness quickened the actions. The mammoth potential of the Sunday School and Y. P. E. was realized just a little more fully as the challenge bit deeply. I sincerely believe that our new youth director and his wife are to enjoy a most successful work in Michigan as the workers merge as one in the great work that enjoys the constant presence of the Crucified.

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What Are We Sacrificing?

By MRS. JOHN F. THAMES, Fayetteville, N. C.

Rom. 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Anything reasonable is not a burden. It is a pleasure to be holy within and without; it becomes a burden only when our love grows cold. The more we love God, the holier we shall desire to be, and we have to be holy to be acceptable unto God. It has become popular, with most people, to see if Christ can be held with one hand and the world with the other. But I find in God's Word (1 John 2:15) it says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." So many will argue over what this means, but that is not necessary; verse 16 explains what it is: "The lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

There are too many who take the scriptures they like and here they go, but there is none of them to be ignored; we shall be judged by them all, and each one has its place, and each one should be preached. Some will try to preach one by knocking the other, but that does not come from God, for He is not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33). Shouting (the right kind) is right in its place and goes hand in hand with a Christian's life. Paying tithes has its place, preaching has its place, dressing holy has its place—one is not complete without the other. No doubt, some will say, "There she goes with that." Yes, this is the part that is so often left out and ignored, afraid the wrong one will be hit, but there is no exception in God's sight, and we who expound the Word of God must obey and preach the truth uncompromisingly, or we shall be one of those that will come before God at the judgment and say, "Haven't we done this or that in thy name?" And the Saviour will say, "Depart from me, for I know you not," Matt. 7:22-24. Friend, it will be too late then. Read Rev. 22:11.

So many are trying to modernize holiness, dress and live like the world, and claim the victory, but I'll tell you, we cannot fool God. Of what He has once condemned us we had better not count foolishness. Some will even claim the victory and keep their hair cut off to a certain length and say they are not any more condemned over doing so. My friend, if the Word of God condemns you or me, we are not justified (regardless of what we think) if we are not willing to obey His Word, for it is going to judge us in the last day (1 John 12:48). 1 Cor. 11:4, 5 says, "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonour-eth his head. But every woman that

prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven"—the same as saying shaving wouldn't be any worse. Then, how much sacrifice are we making? Can we expect God to do what we ask if we are not willing to do even this little simple thing, which is our reasonable sacrifice? Take heed, do not turn and twist the Word of God to suit the lust of the flesh and eyes, but take it as it is. If we add to, God will add to us the plagues that are written in the Bible; and if we take from, He will take away our part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and from the things that are written in the Word of God (Rev. 22:18, 19).

Back to 1 Cor. 11:5: "Having her head uncovered." Some term this one thing and some another. Why do that when God's Word has the answer? Verses 14 and 15 of the same chapter read, "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." Nothing else could rightly be called the covering, and it is just as much wrong for us to cut that covering as it is for a man to let his hair grow long, for if we do, we dishonor our heads before God. I prefer the honor of God any time rather than the honor of the world. Don't you? So often it is said, "How can it be my glory if I cannot fix it to suit myself?" If our love for God is sufficient to present our bodies the living sacrifice that the Bible requires, then it will be our glory to fix ourselves in every way to please God first instead of pleasing the lust of the flesh and eyes. Another thing, we should be content with whatever God gives us. If He gives us curls, we should be content with curls. If He makes us with straight hair, we should be content therewith. Anything else would be pride, which God resisteth (James 4:6). Heb. 13:5 says, "... be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." This could mean anything we possess. Personally, I believe in neatness, but we can be that without changing that which God has given us. If He had intended us to have curls, He could have made us with curls as easily as He made the black man black. Dear one, when we measure ourselves by the Word of God, just what are we sacrificing? I'll tell you, pride is devouring the Christian's experience with God. It was well said, "So-and-so loves the styles more than God." To prove such a statement—many wouldn't wear dress enough to be holy until the styles changed. In studying the Scriptures of how Christ was when on earth we find Him to be simple, plain, and holy, always sacrificing for others.

Pride can overcome a person more ways than one, and a very dangerous point of pride is being too proud to let God have His way. The truth makes one free, so it is nothing but right to praise and magnify His name for the truth. The enemy would like for us to keep quiet and never praise His name, for that is one way he has of stealing our victory. But there is something about the Word of God that causes the praises to come forth. There are so many that oppose the praises of God. We should like to notice a few of the scriptures and see if we wouldn't be robbing and disobeying God in so doing. Heb. 13:15, 16, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Psalm 47:1, "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph." 1 Tim. 2:8, "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." Of course this is just a part that goes along with good salvation and makes it a lot more enjoyable. Yet, if you want something awful to happen, let the children of God hold their peace. Rev. 3:16 states, "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." To be prepared to go to heaven, we must obey these scriptures, as well as all others. Paul said, "What is it then? I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." So there is a time for all things, and God's time is always the right time. Bless His wonderful name! So, let us not rob God of the praises which we are to sacrifice, and all the other things which make the praises flow. Heb. 13:15; Rom. 12:1; James 1:27. All who know the worth of prayer, pray for me that my life may always be an acceptable sacrifice to God.

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VITAMINS FROM HEAVEN

By J. C. VORE, Box 1003, Clarksburg, West Virginia

A modern vitamin is a super drug or concentrate which is credited with being able to shortly revitalize or "pep up" the human anatomy to the extent that an elderly person nearly decides he has backed up to his twenty-fifth birthday. At almost any time of the day you can hear on the radio some hillbilly musician loudly extolling the curative merits of a certain vitamin-loaded new-found drug and insisting that you give it a trial. It is easy to conclude that real vitamins would be beneficial, in a measure at least, in helping build up a "run-down" system in correcting the deficiency in our bodies of that certain vitamin.

I am not a doctor, so it is not my intention to eulogize the unusual or startling merits of any vitamin, or enlarge on the possible benefits that may be obtained from their use. It remains a fact that no man, doctor or otherwise, could, by any means called his own, get together any number of drugs and call them vitamin "so and so" had not God, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, already provided the very necessary raw material. MAN CANNOT PRODUCE; HE ONLY ASSEMBLES.

The above being the whole truth, we can conscientiously declare that all true vitamins come from the hand of God Himself, and if God did not supply it, it would not be a vitamin at all. All the scientists in the world could not have caused to exist and grow in the garden of Eden the "tree of knowledge" planted there by the hand of God. It was so powerful that just the eating of its fruit caused the entire population of earth to become as wise as God, knowing good and evil. If Adam and Eve had obeyed the voice of God in abstaining from eating of that tree until "God's appointed time," it most certainly would have been the very most valuable VITAMIN ever grown on earth.

It should be clear to all that their disobedience proved to be the very opposite. It proved to be the opening wedge for that most heinous monster SIN to come on the earth. Sin continued to increase in the earth till God found it necessary to do something about it to reduce sin on earth. So about 2350 B.C. He instructed Noah, a man of righteousness, to build an ark of gopher wood, and gave the wicked men and women a chance to flee the destruction coming on the earth in the form of their first flood. Again disobedience brought their destruction as Noah had said.

Gen. 6, 7, and 8 tells us of the awful calamity brought on themselves by more disobedience. That same merciful God is still offering a heaven-sent Vitamin, the blood of His own Son, to relieve this generation of SIN. About 860 years later God sent, by the way of Sinai, another vitamin to the err-

ing human race. We call it the "Law of Moses," which contained the ten original commandments. (See Exodus 20.)

In the beginning of time, man was given one commandment to keep, but he broke it. As stated before, he was later given ten to obey. He did not obey them either, so about 500 years later God searched heaven and earth for a real and permanent cure for the sins of man. He found it nowhere except in the divine person of His only Son JESUS. With Him came all the heavenly characteristics or divine attributes of the Father Himself, which included the gifts of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5 and 1 Corinthians 12, 13, and 14. In the list of the fruits of the Spirit you will find these—selfishness, covetousness, dishonesty, selfishness, covetousness, dishonesty, pride, or worldly conformity. But the children of the Spirit constantly shine as burnished diamonds in a dark corner and declare their names to be LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS AND TEMPERANCE. Just think, actually violating NO LAW!

There have been almost countless volumes written on the subject of LOVE. Time, space, and human talents would fail us all if we tried to write the whole story. Love is of so many different kinds and all have their own special significance, but there is no love that can possibly cope with that heavenly pure love that cost our Savior His very life on earth.

Proving natural or mother love we have seen a chicken hen put up an almost unbelievable fight against a hawk, cat, or some other prowling varment that sought to destroy her young. How often have we heard of a loving mother, frantic with grief, rushing into a burning house to grab a sleeping, helpless infant from its downy bed—all because she loved it and was willing to risk her own life to save that of her baby. Divorce courts are kept busy, indeed, all because there is a dearth of that God-given love that should exist between husband and wife.

Selfishness all too often takes the place of holy love that should at all times bind tightly together brothers and sisters in every home, as well as every church. Satan's ugliest and most effective tool is the spirit of division, wherever it is found (don't forget that), and if allowed to work it will divide every home and church in the land. Shame on the devil. We are living in a day when it is easy to see that no earthly tie binds as it once did and should today. The intended holy bond of matrimony itself is all too often treated almost as a joke and seemingly used just as a by-pass for the moment and rudely cast aside at

the most senseless and smallest disagreement imaginable. The beloved apostle Paul said that when he became a man he put away childish things. I would to God today that the world had many more Pauls. Many of our divorce lawyers would find it convenient to look for a job more like Holy Writ.

The real love of God shed abroad in our hearts will enable us to see our plain duty to Him, His Church, and our fellow man, and we will not be satisfied to be a shirker and hang back when we see others coming right along bearing their share of the burden, whether it be financial or otherwise, though they be not as able as we to do so. It will, also, be a real bulwark against the wiles of Satan and if it were possible for him to rob us of all the other Christian qualities, we could just hold on and boldly tell Satan, "I shall not be moved."

Many mighty works have been wrought by men with an unusual faith in GOD, all to the glory of both God and man and they never could have happened had it not been for that unshaken faith we all need so much.

Be it far from me to even think of snatching one laurel from any of those mighty works of faith of which the Bible tells us and which are happening right in our midst today, but it can not be denied that a really joyous experience of the love of God shed abroad in our hearts far exceeds or excels any other Christian experience, for which we can all thank and praise God.

Without that blessed experience there can not be those other Christian qualifications; namely, Joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

The busy housewife mixes several proper ingredients in one batch to produce one lovely, delicious, well-raised cake of which she can justly be proud as she sets it on the table for company. It was O.K. because its substance or ingredients were like the tested formula.

Brother, Sister, what kind of "cake" would your ingredients make—one that would please the Master, or one that looks a lot like the world?

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INTERESTING REPORTS

CHURCH OF GOD, DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE



The Church of God at Dyersburg, Tenn., has just completed its building, which was started by Rev. C. M. Taylor in 1945. The church at Dyersburg made progress during Brother Taylor's pastorate. He was followed by Rev. W. G. Abney, who did much toward paying off the indebtedness. Brother and Sister H. M. Hunt came to us in November of 1950, and the past 6 months have been months of progress

for the church. We have completely remodeled the church inside and out. It has 7 Sunday School rooms, a modern heating plant and cooling system, and rest rooms. The church building is 38x68 feet, with solid masonry walls. Those who have seen the interior of the building say it is one of the most beautiful churches in the State. We were blessed by having

Brother Beaube, our state overseer, with us for our opening service after the remodeling program, and we raised \$1,360 on the indebtedness. The church has averaged \$750 per month for the past 6 months. The improvements on church and parsonage is \$9,000. The church is valued at \$27,000, and we appreciate it very much.—Church Reporter.

NEW CHURCH AT JOANNA, S. C.

Reverend Grady L. Waters recently conducted a revival in a tent in Joanna, S. C., in which 18 were saved, 5 sanctified, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and a new church organized with 15 members. Rev. Robert A. Taylor has been appointed pastor.

The mill company in Joanna is going to donate a lot in the middle of the village for a new church building. Reverend Waters, district pastor, and the workers from his church in Laurens, S. C., are to be commended for this fine work, for which we thank the Lord.—John L. Byrd, State Overseer.

"KNOW YOUR CHURCH" WEEK AT CRANE EATER, GA., PROVES BENEFICIAL

CRANE EATER, Ga.—It was our happy privilege to have with us Rev. E. J. Boehmer, one of the ex-pastors of the Crane Eater church, for our "Know Your Church" week. Instructions were given on the teachings of the Church of God. All the teachings were considered carefully, and, judging from the attention the members and friends of the church gave, it proved a blessing to them.

Brother T. Y. Black, pastor of the Church of God at Calhoun, and his faithful members came in their Sunday School bus to be with us, which we appreciated so much. After the instructions were given by Brother Boehmer, the privilege of asking questions was given the congregation, which added to the interest of each night's service. We are convinced that the week of instructions has greatly helped the church to more fully understand what the church stands for, and are convinced that it is the grandest institution in existence. On Saturday night and Sunday the speaker gave messages to the Christians, which greatly encouraged them to continue in the way, be loyal members and keep on following Christ, their Leader, and ever keep before them the fact that the Great Shepherd of their souls may appear at any time.

We are happy to shepherdize this nice flock and highly appreciate their loyalty and cooperation.—F. S. Smith, Pastor.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AND ITS EFFECT

(Continued from page 9)

3:10. To the next church age the DOOR IS CLOSED. Rev. 3:20. Like unto the foolish virgins, they were not qualified to enter within the doors. They were neither cold nor hot, but like thousands of today, LUKEWARM. The overcomers will not be hurt by the antichrist powers but will be raptured and stand before Jesus in mid-air. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be ACCOUNTED WORTHY TO ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS that shall come to pass, and to STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN," Luke 21:36. We are sure to be raptured and saved from tribulation. We do not know the time nor hour of His coming. If the antichrist had

already come, and we knew that we would go through half or all of the tribulation, could not we then say when Jesus would come, since the time of tribulation is marked? Sure, we could decide the year and day of His coming after the tribulation had begun. However, we will not have to make that decision. Even Isaiah knew that before God rained out His indignation or wrath upon the people of the earth, God would get His people out. "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the INDIGNATION BE OVERPAST. For behold, the Lord COMETH out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity," Isa. 26:20, 21.

CHRIST REIGNS ON EARTH

During the time of tribulation, the marriage and marriage supper of the Lamb will take place. "And he said unto me, Write, Blessed are they which ARE CALLED (present tense) unto the marriage supper of the Lamb," Rev. 19:9. Christ and His armies returning to earth on the white horses are from mid-air and from the marriage and marriage supper. The judgment of nations will take place at this time, and the devil will be bound and cast into the pit and sealed for a thousand years. Rev. 19:11-21; Rev. 20:1-3. The saints will become kings and priests, and will reign with Christ a thousand years. Rev. 20:6. He will take over the

LOVE IS SUCH A PRECIOUS THING!

The world would be a dismal place to live,

If each cared for himself alone;
If each had greedy eyes and grasping hands,

With trampling feet and heart of stone—

We turn with horror even from the thought!

And hail the love that Jesus lived and taught.

Oh, love is such a precious thing!

Lord Jesus, give to us a heart of love.

'Twas love that brought Thee from God's throne

To call disciples from men's common tasks

To walk with Thee, Who should atone

For sins of men—upon the cross you died.

Your holy blood for us a cleansing tide!

Oh, love is such a precious thing!

But our Saviour triumphed o'er the tomb!

And so shall we who love Him well.

"All those who love Me my commands will keep.

This do, go forth in love and tell—

The Holy Spirit shall abide in you!
And all my works, in love, ye, too,

shall do!"

Yes, love is such a precious, mighty thing!

—Paul Brown.

throne and kingdom of David and reign in righteousness. Holiness unto the Lord will be upon every pot and bowl in Jerusalem. Isa. 9:6, 7; Zech. 14:20, 21. There will be a highway, and it will be called the way of holiness. Isa. 35:8. The glory of the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. Hab. 2:14. He will reign a thousand years on EARTH. Rev. 5:9, 10. The meek will inherit the earth. Matt. 5:5. Christ will return for the reign to the Mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem. Zech. 14:4. The ransom of the Lord will return and come to Zion with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads. Sorrow and sighing will flee away. Isa. 35:10. Christ will reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem. Isa. 24:23. He will reign in that beloved city. Rev. 20:9. After the reign on earth, there will be a little season of time. Rev. 20:3. Then the nations will be gathered for the battle of Gog and Magog, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea, Rev. 20:7, 8, the final doom of Satan, the devil, Rev. 20:10.

CONCLUSION: The rest of the dead that lived not until the thousand years are finished will now appear before the white throne judgment. Rev. 20:11-15. At this judgment the earth and heaven will flee away and be found no more. Rev. 20:11. However, a new heaven and a new earth will appear. Rev. 21:1. Then the holy city will come down from God, and the tabernacle of God will be with men. All tears will be wiped away, and there will be no more death. FOR THE FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY. And the overcomer shall inherit ALL THINGS. God and the Lamb will be the light of the new city, Rev. 21:2-8.

IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK!
"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." Rev. 22:21.

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